

National Anthem Verses

God has left us in no doubt:

Consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God (1 Cor. 1:26-29).

Not many noble. Even so, this extract leaves open the possibility that some of noble birth might be converted. In that spirit, I have penned some verses to add to the British National Anthem for the coronation of Charles III on 6th May 2023.

*God save our crownèd king,
May he be born again.
God save the king.
May he to Jesus flee,
Redeemed by blood to be,
Thus from his sin set free.
God save the king.*

*God save our crownèd king,
May he to Jesus cling.
God save the king.
May he the Spirit prove –
God's word to know and love,
And live to God above.
God save the king.*

*May he to Jesus bow,
On Christ true praise bestow:
To him alone.
To Jesus glorious King,
May we all worship bring,
His praises ever sing
To him alone.*